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CONSTRUCTION SITE SAFETY – HIGH WINDS

STORM NOTICE- 8/25/2011

The weather forecast is anticipating high winds for Montgomery County over the weekend.

The Department of Permitting Services is requiring construction site managers and supervisors to take the following preparations before the storm.

- If the site has a tower crane, take appropriate actions to minimize wind forces on the crane including releasing the slew brake and allowing the crane to “weathervane”.
- Cranes shall not be operated when the wind speed is greater than 45 miles per hour. Note that most tower cranes are only designed to be operated when the wind speed is less than 45 miles per hour.
- Secure construction material and construction debris to prevent these materials from becoming airborne.